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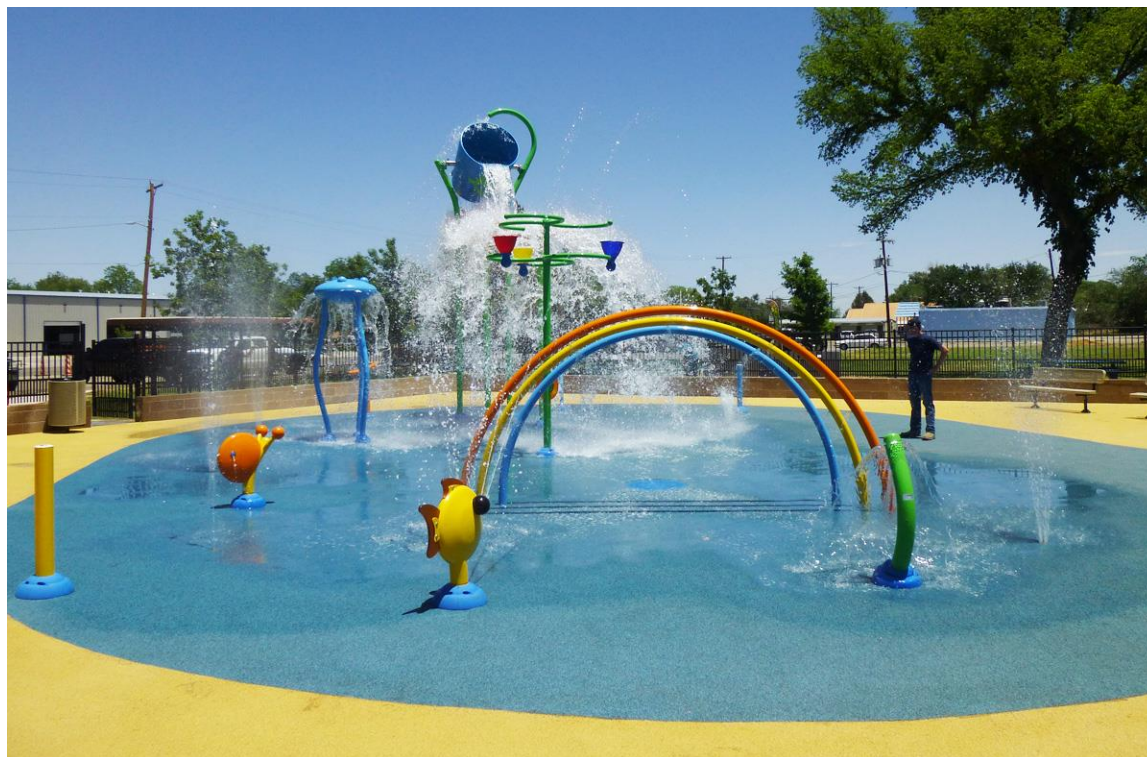
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Splash pad set to open Friday at Poe Corn Park

Facility to be open seven days a week through summer; free to public



Above: The water features of the Murphy Family Splash Pad got a test run Monday (May 23). Below: A plaque recognizes the Murphy family at the splash pad named in their honor.

Roswell, N.M. — The city's new splash pad at Poe Corn Park will open for refreshing fun Friday (May 27). While people will be able to begin enjoying the new aquatic-recreation facility this Memorial Day weekend, a formal grand-opening ceremony will be planned in June at the park along East Second Street (just east of Garden Avenue).



The \$450,000 project was funded by a \$245,000 state appropriation, \$105,000 from bonds issued with the backing of city gross receipts taxes, and a \$100,000 donation from the family of the late local businessman Bert Murphy.

The Murphy Family Splash Pad – named for the family of Bert and Martha Murphy, a major donor for the project – features numerous water features for children and adults to enjoy while cooling off.

Use of the splash pad is free to the public. The facility will be open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. through the summer.

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